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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 28, 2004, Applicants elect Group II, claims 1-19, without traverse.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to International Business Machines Corporation's deposit Account No. 09-0458.